

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 9, line 8 with the words “The well working compositions” and ends with “oil and other functional additives” with the following amended paragraph.

The well working compositions of our invention can be prepared by adding the ground elastomeric crumb rubber material to any water base, diesel oil base or synthetic oil base well working fluid. A water base well working fluid will generally contain a suspension agent, such as a commercial clay or polymeric viscosifier, weight material (which may be insoluble – such as barite, galena, hematite or the like, or which may be soluble, such as sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, calcium bromide, zinc bromide, combinations thereof, and the like), fluid loss control agents, such as lignite, starch, carboxymethyl cellulose, carboxymethyl starch, polyacrylates and other polymers, and other additives such as viscosity control agents, lubricants, emulsifiers, lost circulation materials, oil and other functional additives.